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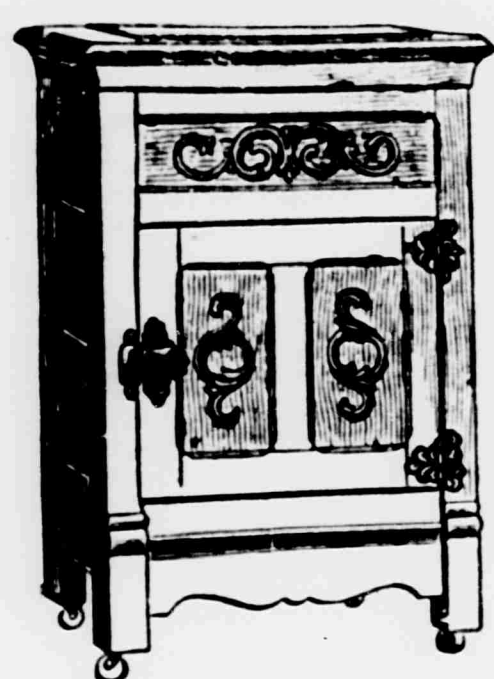
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LOST ON THE BEACH AT NIGHT

An Aged Palatka Lady Wanders All Night Alone on the Ormond Beach.

Early last Sunday morning a telephone message came to Daytona for an officer to go over to Seabreeze, the sender stating briefly that a woman had mysteriously disappeared.

Magistrate C. R. Cox responded to the call. In the absence of Constable Winn Rodgers, Mr. Cox deputized H. V. Bracey to assist him. Procuring a team, and taking the writer along with them, Messrs. Cox and Bracey hurried over to Seabreeze.

When we got there, we found a crowd assembled in front of the Clarendon Inn, discussing the mysterious disappearance on Saturday night of Mrs. Lane, an aged lady of Palatka, Fla.

We soon learned the details, which were these: Mrs. Lane is a lady about 72 years old and is slightly demented. She had been brought to the seashore a short time ago by her niece, Mrs. Peter Gardner, of Palatka. Mrs. Gardner, with her children, has taken one of the Beckman cottages for the summer.

Saturday night there was a dance at the Post pavilion and Mrs. Lane had been allowed to accompany a young lady to the pavilion. Mrs. Gardner thinking the recreation might help her, the young lady seated Mrs. Lane in a chair and proceeded to enjoy herself by joining the dancers. While the young lady danced the older lady left the pavilion unobserved, and disappeared altogether. When the young lady missed her, she hurried to the Gardner cottage to see if her old friend was safe at home, but no one had seen her. Then began a search for her, but no trace could be found. She had disappeared as completely as if the earth had opened and engulfed her.

Some thought she had walked off the pier into the ocean; others thought she could not have done so without attracting attention, as there was a large crowd about the pavilion and the pier. Finally a man was found who said he had assisted an old lady down the steps to the street. Then a small boy came along and said he had seen an old lady walking along the board walk in front of the Kochersperger row of cottages, going in the direction of the Beckman cottages. This was the way the old lady should have gone home, but still she had not reached Mrs. Gardner's cottage.

Mrs. Gardner then remembered that her aunt wore two elegant diamond rings and a fine ladies' gold watch when she went to the pavilion. From this fact a theory was born that she had been abducted, robbed and probably drowned by miscreants, and this theory grew in favor as the night advanced, and no trace of the missing lady could be found. After a fruitless search all through the night, an appeal was sent to Daytona for an officer.

Messrs. Cox, Bracey and the writer took up the clue of the small boy and went down the board walk in front of the Kochersperger cottages. When we reached the line between the Kochersperger cottages and the Beckman row, we found a huge wire fence right across the board walk. We could not get through the wire fence, and of course, we knew the unfortunate lady had not gone any further than the fence herself.

Right where the wire fence crosses the walk and goes on down to the bottom of the sand bank bounding the shore line of the beach there is a plank stairway leading down to the beach. We reasoned that she must have gone down that stairway to the beach, intending to go around the fence and climb up the bank to the walk in front of the Beckman cottages.

We went down the stairway to the beach and soon found her tracks. Her shoes having been previously described to us, we had little difficulty in distinguishing the track from scores of others on the hard sand of the beach.

She went straight up the beach toward Ormond. Cox and Bracey followed the trail on foot while the writer drove the team. We tracked her on up the beach to the wreck of the old schooner, half way to Ormond. Here she seems to have become confused. She circled around the beach, probably a dozen times, tried twice to go up the embankment, but finally kept on straight up the beach. When we reached the cottage of William Fagan, the first resident on the Ormond beach, we stopped to make inquiries. Here we learned that the unfortunate lady had been found. She had gone up the beach, two miles above Ormond, and was found about five o'clock Sunday morning, wandering about, mindlessly, on the cheerless sands in front of the cottage of A. W. Street, two miles beyond the Hotel Ormond.

Mr. Street took her into the house, where Mrs. Street cared for her, giving her refreshments and rest until she was able to make the trip back to Mrs. Gardner's cottage. She was nearly exhausted, having been out all night and walked up the beach a distance of eight miles.

Mr. Street did not learn who she was until the arrival of Miss Ellenor Beckman, who had also tracked the aged lady up the beach ahead of Cox and Bracey.

Mrs. Lane was perfectly content when found, and told Mrs. Gardner on her return that she had been visiting friends in Cincinnati, and had enjoyed her trip.

The cause of all this trouble, anxiety, privation and misery is directly traceable to a feud between Kochersperger and the Beckmans. This feud originated some time ago. As we understand the matter, the Beckman and Kochersperger properties adjoin, and some time back Kochersperger rented the cottage nearest the line to a family of negroes. The negroes were noisy and offensive to Mrs. Beckman, and finally began passing in and out through Mrs. Beckman's yard. Mrs. Beckman says he remonstrated with Kochersperger, but he refused to make the negroes vacate the house. Dr. Beckman then put up a sign on the line where it crossed the board walk, reading:

"Private Grounds! Keep Off!" This made Kochersperger mad, and he notified Dr. Beckman that unless the sign was taken down he would put up a fence ten feet high. Dr. Beckman refused to take down the sign, and Kochersperger built the fence on the line between them.

This, Mrs. Lane, in attempting to go back to the Beckman cottage, took the most direct route, and passed along the board walk in front of Kochersperger's row of cottages, and when stopped by the wire fence, descended to the beach and went on foot to the bank again.

THE DOCTORS ORGANIZE

Tuesday afternoon a number of physicians met at Dr. Walton's office and organized the Volusia County Medical Society. Dr. Walton was elected President, Dr. Van Valzah, Vice President, Dr. Mungley, Secretary and Treasurer, and Drs. Seely and DuBoise, Censors. The society is auxiliary to the Florida State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and is governed by their by-laws. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and it is hoped to be the nucleus of a large influential association.

A uniform fee bill will be adopted and also a delinquent or "black" list will be furnished to each member.

Speaking of this, a member of the new association said:

"This in no way applies to our worthy poor or unfortunate, but to that class of people who, while able to pay their bills, go from one to another as long as they can get trusted and never pay any one. These persons are refused credit until they have settled their back accounts. We find on this list names of people well able to pay, owing every physician in the city. This injustice has forced physicians to this rather harsh, though effective, method of protecting themselves."

Meetings will be held each month and subjects of mutual interest will be discussed.

DICKINSON--HOBBS

The marriage last Tuesday night of Ernest C. Dickinson and Miss Emily Eliza Hobbs was a quiet home affair.

It took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hobbs on North Beach street at eight o'clock.

The Rev. C. M. Bingham performed the simple ceremony of the Congregational church. Mr. Hobbs gave the bride away, and Miss Maud Hobbs acted as maid of honor. There was no groomsmen.

Only a limited number of invited guests were present, numbering in all sixteen. Among the young ladies present were all of the class who graduated last spring with the bride at Rollins College.

Light refreshments were served in the dining room, which was profusely decorated with white and green sittings of flowers and drapery.

The newly wedded couple departed Wednesday afternoon for Anniston, Alabama, where Mr. Dickinson is engaged in business as a contractor.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

The Seat of Alderman Stevens Declared Vacant--Mayor's Recommendations.

The City Council met last Monday night in regular bi-monthly session. Alderman Harris presided, and after the usual routine business was disposed of, the clerk laid before the Council the report of the clerk and inspectors of the special municipal election held on the 19th instant to elect a Councilman in place of Chas. L. Smith, elected Mayor.

The report detailed that George H. Matthews had been elected to the place, and Mr. Matthews, who was present, and had been sworn in by the Mayor, was invited to a seat in the Council.

The next thing in order was the election of a President and President pro tem, of the Council. Alderman Harris was elected President and the new councilman, Matthews, President pro tem, without opposition.

Bills amounting in the aggregate to \$2,545.83 were presented, considered in detail and ordered paid. These cover the regular running expenses of the city for all purposes and street improvement work during the month of June.

A communication from the Mayor was read in which he called the attention of the Council to all matters which, in his judgment, needed special attention. Among other things, he called attention to the lack of drainage in the section between Beach street and Palmetto avenue and Magnolia and Volusia avenues.

For his pains, he was instructed to see that steps were taken to drain the place.

He next directed attention to what he considered the dangerous condition of the new grade being put up on South Ridgewood avenue by the street committee. He thought the grades should come down or the approaches from the parkway of the street should be raised, so that a team could come safely off the hill without danger to drivers or vehicles.

When this part of the Mayor's communication came up for consideration Capt. J. B. Parkinson appeared before the council and entered a protest against the methods of the street committee in making this fill. He said it was too high and very dangerous. "There will be automobiles in plenty here next winter," said Capt. Parkinson, "and if a horse should get frightened on that embankment it would be impossible to get him down to the parkway without upsetting the vehicle and possibly injuring its occupants. The place is very dangerous."

Alderman Porter, chairman of the street committee, said they had not finished the fill, and that he was simply building it according to the engineer's specifications and the Council's instructions. He had no authority to do otherwise.

Alderman Matthews moved that the matter be passed for the present, and that the Mayor and Council proceed to the place in a body Tuesday morning and decide, after viewing the fill, whether or not it is dangerous, and if so, settle then and there what should be done to remedy it. This motion prevailed.

The Mayor also called attention to the fact that several private sewers on Beach street, emptying into the Halifax river, were not up to the requirements of the law. He was instructed to notify the owners of such sewers to put them in order at once.

He also called attention to the recent appearance of the English Sparrows on this coast and asked for permission to try to exterminate them. He was instructed to take charge of the sparrow problem in person and conduct the campaign as vigorously as possible.

Also, he called attention to the fact that Alderman Stevens had moved outside the city limits, and gave it as his opinion that Mr. Stevens was no longer eligible to a seat in the City Council. Mr. Stevens was present and voting right along on all questions that came up. He asked the Mayor who was "kicking" about his right to a seat in the Council. The Mayor explained that a number of citizens had directed his attention to Mr. Stevens position and he had brought the matter up for the Council to pass upon.

Alderman Foster said he would like to hear the opinion of the city attorney on the question. City Attorney Spencer was present and stated that the law was plain; the registration laws were plain, under them a man comes to be an elector whenever he changes his permanent abode from one jurisdiction to another, and if Mr. Stevens had changed his residence permanently he was no longer an elector in the city of Daytona. The city

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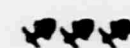
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